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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT (AFTER FINAL) UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop <u>Amendment</u> 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

This replies to the Office Action (final rejection) dated January 23, 2009, the time for responding to which is extended one month to May 26, 2009, with the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and required fee. Note that the due date of May 23, 2009, fell on a weekend and the following Monday, May 25, 2009, was a federal holiday.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.